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A summary of the legislation of the last session of the Ontario Legislature has to stand over until next number for want of space.

The honor of knighthood has just been conferred on the Chief Justice of Common Pleas, who will now be known as Sir William Meredith. This title was some time ago offered to Chief Justice Hagarty, Chief Justice Armour and Chancellor Boyd, but they did not, for personal reasons, think proper to accept the distinction. Whilst the degree of Knight Bachelor does not mean much in these days, and titles do not seem very appropriate to the Western hemisphere at the close of the 19th century, it is almost a pity that these learned Chiefs (than whom none are more entitled to the honor) did not accept the title as appurtenant to the honorable positions they occupy.

THE COURSE OF STATUTE REVISION IN CANADA.

"When an acquaintance was one day exclaiming against the tediousness of the law and its partiality.—"Let us hear, sir," said Johnson, "no general abuse; the law is the last result of human wisdom acting upon human experience for the benefit of the public."
BOSWELL'S JOHNSON.

A new revision of the general statutes, upon the wisdom of which depends the general welfare of the 'country, and under which, almost entirely, criminal justice is administered in all the provinces, cannot fail to be of interest to the profession.

The necessary Act has recently been passed by which the Governor-in-Council may appoint three or more commissioners to collect, classify, revise and consolidate the Public General Statutes of Canada, and submit a report of what they have done, which will be in effect the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, 1896.